FROM DAY TO DAY

DR. W. W. Yen, former Ambassador to Soviet Russia, has arrived in Tsingtao for his summer holidays.

BEGINNING this month, news despatches may be sent or received at Kuling, the summer resort where the Chinese Government functions during the summer season.

MR. Chu Hao-hsiang, the retiring Chinese Minister to Belgium, is reported to have sent a telegram to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs saying that he is leaving Brussels on July 16 and will be back in China by the middle of August.

MR. Hsu Shih-ying, Ambassador to Tokyo, who arrived a few days ago to meet Mr. S. Kawagoe, the Japanese Ambassador, left for Nanking on Wednesday night. He is expected to proceed to Kuling to interview Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

WITH a third of the total number of voters conspicuous by their absence, the local Korean Residents' Association on Wednesday held its first elections of councillors. Elected were Shoshoku Son, Kensai Li, Seisho Li, Shoyu Li, and Nisseki Li. The Li's are not related.

DR. John C. Ferguson, the well-known Sinologue and philanthropist, and Mrs. Ferguson will celebrate their golden wedding on August 4, says a special despatch to the "Lih Pao" from Peiping. Invitations to friends to attend the affair were to have been sent out yesterday.

A COMMITTEE of nine officials has been appointed by the Government to supervise the construction of a building in the capital to accommodate visitors from Tibet and Mongolia. Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Mr. Chang Chi, Gen. Ho Ying-chin, and Gen. Wu Chung-shing are on the committee.

FOLLOWING the change of Amoy University into a national college, the Central Government will make an annual appropriation of $280,000 for its regular maintenance, states the "China Times." It is learned that Dr. Lim Boon-keng, the present president of the university, will retain his post.

MR. Lu Tso-fu, Commissioner of Reconstruction for Szechuen, has resigned the post and is expected to be succeeded by Mr. Ho Pei-heng, personal delegate of Gen. Hsiang, Chairman of the Szechuen Provincial Government, in recent negotiations with Nanking concerning the reorganization of Szechuen troops.

MR. Bruce S. Jenkins, local insurance man, has announced the incorporation of his Company under the China Trade Act and in future his organization will be known as Bruce S. Jenkins, Federal Inc., U.S.A. In making this move, Mr. Jenkins reports a highly satisfactory growth of business since he formed his own company on November 1, 1935.

WET, cold, and thoroughly unhappy, a 20-year old Geisha was fished out of the Whangpoo's muddy waters on Wednesday night by a Japanese Consular policeman, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. The girl gave her name as Asako Ishizawa, said she was employed at the Shoroku Restaurant, Boone Road, and firmly refused to give the motives for attempting to commit suicide.

NUMERICALLY strengthened, the Committee for the Study of Reforms in the Organization of the Japanese House of Peers will hold its first meeting on July 6. Viscount Chokei Okabe, leader of the Kenkyukai, the strongest party in the Upper House, has proposed that the hereditary system for princes be left intact while marquises be elected by co-title-holders, and that the age limit for all members be set at 73.

THE fifth conference of the National Conservancy Commission will be held in Nanking on Saturday. It is learned that the meeting will discuss the administrative plans of various conservancy organs for 1937-1938, which are expected to require a total budget of $7,000,000. According to the same report, Messrs. Kung Hsiang-yung, Han Kuo-chun, and Li Yi-chih, prominent directors of branch commissions, who are to attend the conference, have already arrived in Nanking.

A CONFERENCE will be called by the National Highway Traffic Commission in Wuchang on July 15, says a Chinese press message. Discussions in this conference are expected to centre on the improvement and better co-ordination of the lines, and special emphasis will be laid on the connection between the networks of national railways and highways. According to the statistics compiled by the commission, from 80 to 90 per cent. of the total projected mileage has already been built and if the present pace is kept up, the first stage of the national highway network will be completed within three years.

DEVELOPMENT of a vast industrial area in eastern Manchoukuo, drawing its source of power from the vast Ching Po Lake in Kirin Province, is outlined by officials of the Department of Industry, says a Domei message from Changchun. The project, regarded as feasible as a result of a six-month survey of the lake zone by Department engineers, will require an expenditure of 10,000,000 yen. A dam would be erected to raise the level of the lake and create a 50-foot drop to generate electric power. The water would be taken in underground tunnels, 2,500 metres long, to an electric power house capable of generating 60,000 kilowatts.

THE following Brass Band Concert will be given by the Municipal Orchestra and Band in the Public Gardens (weather permitting) to-night, starting at 9 p.m.:—

March "True to the Flag" ..Brennicke
Selection "Madame Butterfly" ..Puccini
Oboe Solo "Andante and Polonaise"
Damare
Soloist: Mr. G. GIRARDELLO
Dance "The Jolly Negroes" ....Berger
Potpourri "Way down upon the Swannee River" .....Roberts
"Old Folks at Home"
and
In Foreign Lands
An International transcription of the American folk song in the musical idiom of eight nations.
America, France, Scotland, Spain, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Hungary.
(a) Cornet Solo "The Lost Chord"
Sullivan
(b) Fanfare "Imperial Salute" .Behr
Grand Pastoral and Hunting Fantasia
"Le Fremersberg" .....Koennemann

DR. Wang Shih-chieh and General Yu Fei-peng, Ministers of Education and of Communications respectively, left Nanking on Wednesday by boat for Kiukiang en route to Kuling.

BEGINNING yesterday, summer defence measures were enforced in Peiping, and municipal police and gendarmes assisted by militia combed the suburbs to keep law and order.

CHANCELLOR Hitler visited the exhibition of contemporary French art at the Berlin Academy on Wednesday. He was shown through the exhibition by the French Ambassador, M. Francois Poncet.

DURING the absence of Gen. Hu Chung-nai in Kuling, the post of garrison commander for the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been taken over by Gen. Li Te-chun, commander of the First Division.

"GREETINGS to China!," a special broadcast for this country, will be transmitted from the Berlin short wave station this evening at 9.30 p.m. Details of the wave-lengths to be used will be found in the daily radio programme which appears elsewhere.

SIR Hughe Knatchbull-Hugesson, British Ambassador to China, left Peiping on Wednesday for Peitaiho to spend the summer vacation there, says the Chinese press. Sir Hughe will remain at the seaside resort for two months.

DONATIONS received for the Summer Camp for Russian Children in Tsingtao:—Miss Smith, $3; Rohde & Co. $50; Lacey and Cannan, $15; Skoda-works, $50; Azel Yacobsen, $10; V. H. Bourne, $10; Paul E. Sammann & Co., $5; Mrs. A. A. Essen, $15; A.B.X., $20; from various donors, $159.20. Total to date $5,050.70.

THE lighting of electric lamps in Kuling, which was due to take place yesterday, has been postponed to July 5, states a telephone message relayed to Shanghai from Kiukiang. It is also reported that a cinema, the first entertainment house of its kind in the summer resort, was due to open its doors yesterday.

THE June issue of the Central Bank Bulletin is now off the press and some of its contents are articles on the China National Tea Corporation, the Co-operative movement in China, Mr. E. Kann's concluding article in the series on modern Banknotes in China, and an article on the Central Savings Society.

PREPARATIONS for the anti-aircraft exhibition are well underway at the Civic Centre. Many boxes of models, charts and drawings relating to the subject have been sent here from Nanking by the Military Affairs Commission. The exhibition will open on July 7 in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Shanghai City Government.

ANOTHER batch of about 1,400 Moscow women will leave here shortly for the Soviet Far Eastern provinces to fill a shortage of women. This emigration is being backed by a big political campaign which is evidently meeting with the desired success. It is understood the female emigrants will be mainly employed in factories in the Amur province and by trusts engaged in that region in food and timber production.

JUST back from the North Pole, Prof. Otto Schmidt has declared it was not necessary to build special aeroplanes for transpolar flight, even in winter, but it is essential that planes and aerodromes be equipped for blind flying and take-offs. Meterological observations from his polar station had already revealed the possibility of establishing the relation between the astronomical maps of the two hemispheres, he added.

WEEK-END trips to North Saddle Island are now made possible for local residents through the Shanghai International Agency which will conduct regular excursions each week, beginning to-morrow. The boat will leave the Customs Jetty at four o'clock on Saturday and return there at one a.m. on Monday, allowing a full day, from six to six on Sunday, at the Island. Fishing, swimming and walking may be enjoyed there. Fuller particulars are found in the announcement on the front page.

ATTENTION will centre on the Canidrome this afternoon when the 36th drawing of the National State Lottery will take place. The Drums of Fortune will start rolling at 2 p.m. sharp and about $1,500,000 will be distributed in prizes. Thousands of lucky ticket holders will be awaiting the result of the draw. There are 31,034 numerically allotted prizes. Many of the numbers are held by small holders in fractional shares of a dollar each, any one of which might return the owner $25,000. Those who cannot go to the Canidrome can obtain first hand information by listening in on the radio as the whole of the proceedings will be broadcast in Chinese, English, French and Russian. All tickets drawing prizes can be presented for payment on or after Saturday, July 10, at any of the offices or branches in China of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications.

THE University of Shanghai has just appointed two new administrative officers, Mr. C. P. Chen as Business Manager and Mr. S. S. Beath as Deputy Treasurer. During the past quarter of a century, Mr. E. Kelhofer has performed the duties of Business Manager and Treasurer of the University. He is now the oldest member on the faculty. As he is approaching the retiring age, he has resigned the important posts in favour of younger persons, but he will remain on the faculty as a professor and adviser to the Business Office. He and Mrs. Kelhofer will leave on a six months' furlough in the U.S.A., which they well deserve. Mr. C. P. Chen, who was graduated from the University in 1926, is a capable executive. After his graduation, he served as principal of the North Gate Baptist Church School, and recently as the General Secretary of the Chinese Leper Mission. Mr. S. S. Beath was formerly a missionary educator in South China, and during the last few years he has been serving as the Business Manager of the Downtown School of Commerce of the University.

ALLEGED LIBEL BY GALLERY

Objection to Paragraph in Catalogue: "Dead" Artist Sues Tate Gallery Trustee

A pending libel action by the French painter, M. Maurice Utrillo, arising out of the publication of the third edition of the catalogue of the modern foreign school in the Tate Gallery was mentioned in the Court of Appeal recently.

His action is against Mr. James Bolivar Manson, director and keeper and one of the trustees of the Tate Gallery, and Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited, the publisher and printers, respectively, of the catalogue.

Mr. Richard O'Sullivan, K.C., for M. Utrillo, said the alleged libel in the catalogue stated:

Utrillo became a confirmed dipsomaniac and, at intervals throughout his life, was placed under restraint. From 1919 to his death he was almost continually under supervision. He painted many pictures from picture post-cards which he sold to cabaret proprietors in return for the price of a drink. He died in 1934.

The matter now came before the Court on appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Lewis in Chambers refusing to order that the defence that the words complained of were true and particulars supporting the alleged libel should be struck out or amended.

The ground, said counsel, was that they were "unnecessary, irrelevant, scandalous and contrary to rules of pleading," and that they tended to prejudice and embarrass a fair trial. M. Utrillo was one of the most eminent of living French painters.

Lord Justice Greer—If he is dead he cannot go on with the action.

Mr. O'Sullivan—He is alive!

Lord Justice Greer—Is it a libel to say of anyone that he is dead?

Mr. O'Sullivan—No, but it is a libel to say of him, and more particularly of an eminent painter, that he has drunk himself to death.

The Complaint

Counsel then read the particulars of which complaint was made. These stated that while a boy M. Utrillo developed and indulged a taste for alcohol. In his years of adolescence his health and mental condition were seriously and adversely affected by his alcoholic excesses. About 1900 he was taken by his mother to an asylum where he was detained and treated for about two months for chronic alcoholism. After leaving, M. Utrillo resumed his alcoholic habits, and spent his time painting and drinking, it being his practice when at work to keep a bottle by his side, which he constantly replenished. About 1910 M. Utrillo was a confirmed drunkard, and was treated in another institution.

"During the years immediately following," Mr. O'Sullivan read, "M. Utrillo was constantly drunk, and gave away his canvasses in exchange for small sums sufficient to purchase drink. His riotous and disorderly conduct brought him into violent conflict with the police, and on numerous occasions he was arrested.

"About 1913, and at all material times thereafter, M. Utrillo was continually inebriated and saturated with alcohol. When he had no money to purchase recognized alcoholic liquor, he used to consume lamp spirit, methylated, petroleum, benzine, eau de Cologne, and ether. In or about this time he used to paint from picture post-cards, and frequently left his canvasses with café proprietors in payment for drinks. In 1914 he returned to the asylum, and was treated for alcoholism.

"Following the War period he was exploited by a café proprietor who used to lock him in a room with painting materials and supply him with drinks and obtain canvasses from him.

"In the Streets"

"In 1916 he was again treated for alcoholism. About this time it was his practice to paint in the streets from postcards, with a bottle and a glass beside him, drinking incessantly and fetching more drink when the bottle was empty. He used to give pictures away for the price of a drink....He was treated in two more asylums and escaped from the second....In 1921, following a drunken orgy, M. Utrillo was arrested, and certified to be a dangerous lunatic and inebriate. He was confined in the St. Anne Asylum and was afterwards in a private lunatic asylum."

Mr. O'Sullivan declared that particulars were not given to support the allegation that from 1919 to his death in 1934, M. Utrillo was almost continually under supervision. It was not necessary to go back to the years of M. Utrillo's youth to particularise an allegation that he drank himself to death in 1934.

Lord Justice Greer, giving judgment, said there was undoubtedly an allegation that M. Utrillo killed himself by his intemperance, and references were made to the results of his dipsomaniac habits in the shape of selling his pictures for next to nothing and the use of opium and hashish. They could not be treated by themselves; they were part and parcel of the allegation that M. Utrillo became a confirmed dipsomaniac. In the circumstances the Judge had refused to strike out any portion of the statement of claim or particulars, but he (the Lord Justice) thought it right to say that, if M. Utrillo attached importance to the suggestion that he drank himself to death—and they knew he did not die—that was a matter which could properly be argued at the trial.

The order now made, he added, was without prejudice to an application for further and better particulars. In substance the appeal from Mr. Justice Lewis's decision in Chambers failed and would be dismissed.

Lord Justice MacKinnon concurred.

BOY AND GIRL IN SUICIDE PACT

Each Took 50 to 60 Aspirins

A girl of 17 and her 19-year-old sweetheart stood hand-in-hand in the dock at Chester recently while he told how they had each taken between 50 and 60 aspirin tablets.

The couple—Frederick Derek Wilford, of —Volunteer-street, and Marjorie Rowlands, a nursemaid, of Castle-street, both of Chester—pleaded guilty to attempted suicide.

Wilford was sentenced to six months' hard labour, while the girl was bound over for 12 months and ordered to pay £2 17s costs.

The Chief Constable, Mr. T. C. Griffiths, stated that the boy and girl had been keeping company for some time. Owing to their youth and to circumstances which arose about a month ago it was thought advisable to separate them.

Despite this, they met on May 27, and decided to take their lives. In an alleged statement by the girl, she said: "Derek and I went on the meadows and took aspirin to end our lives. We found it impossible to carry on in face of being unable to meet."

Sergt. Young produced a statement made by Wilford, in which he said:

"We went to a cinema and afterwards called at Marjorie's house for tea. Marjorie went into a number of shops, buying quantities of aspirin. We had several beers at two public houses, and afterwards we decided to end our lives together. We sat smoking and talking for some time on the meadows and then shared the tablets between us.

"We took 50 to 60 tablets each, and finding that at first they had no effect walked towards the city. When we reached the suspension bridge we were both feeling unwell. I got home at two a.m., and next morning felt very ill."

Dr. Lee Abbott, of Chester Royal Infirmary, said that both were suffering from an overdose of aspirin to the extent of poisoning. A fatal dose was about 200 grains, or 40 tablets, but it would depend upon the age and physique of the persons concerned.

"MAN MUST LOOK TO THE ROCKET"

Colonel Lindbergh Peeps Into The Future of Air Transport

POSSIBLE USES IN TIMES OF WAR

A prediction that man must look to the rocket if he wishes to attain speeds of transport above a few hundred miles an hour is made by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in a letter written to President Wallace W. Atwood of Clark University, and read on the occasion of the university' commencement exercises, says a Reuter message from Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

The letter alludes to the experiments conducted by Professor Robert H. Goddard of Clark University in connection with rockets. Professor Goddard obtained a grant in 1929 which has permitted him to devote full time to rocket research on an uninhabited plain near Roswell, New Mexico.

"From the standpoint of science," Colonel Lindbergh's letter said, "the rocket offers the only known possibility of sending instruments to altitudes above those reached by sounding balloons. Observations taken outside of the earth's atmosphere, or even in the higher levels of the atmosphere, would be of immense value in the study of such subjects as astronomy, meteorology and terrestrial magnetism."

He also pointed out that "from the standpoint of war, we must consider the fact that rockets may carry explosives faster than the aeroplane and farther than the projectile."

Future Research

"Whether instruments, mail or explosives can be carried advantageously by rockets is a question for future research to decide. Sometimes the problems of carrying capacity and control seem almost insurmountable. One need only be 41 years of age, however, to have been born when Langley's model first demonstrated the practicability of mechanical flight in 1896."

"If such a man went to New Mexico to-day he could witness rocket ascents which would make him wonder whether the second half of his lifetime would see a similar development in wingless flight."

A rocket enthusiast, the Colonel continues, might prophesy in an unguarded moment that "we will eventually travel at speeds governed only by the acceleration which the human body can stand, and that in rocketing between America and Europe we will accelerate halfway across the ocean and decelerate during the other half. Or, he might even point his rocket toward another planet and without regard to fuel supply, landing facilities, or Professor Goddard, lose himself in interstellar space."

Professor Goddard explained recently that he had solved the problem of parachute construction so as to permit bringing down gently the rocket and instruments aboard it. A gyroscope, the professor added, had solved stabilization problems and the immediate task ahead was to streamline and lighten the projectile to permit its fuel capacity to carry instruments and radio transmitter a greater distance.

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